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2002 Maryland Green Building Conference

On September 17th and 18th, nearly 400 attendees, speakers and exhibitors came together at Baltimore's Maritime Institute to learn and discuss how to build, market and finance green building projects in the Mid-Atlantic region. Nationally recognized local experts used actual case studies to highlight the techniques used and incentives available for both the residential and commercial development communities. The Conference's "how-to" information was specific to the market, climate and customs of the Mid-Atlantic Region and exhibits and poster sessions featured products, services and the latest design and construction techniques. The goal for this conference was to:

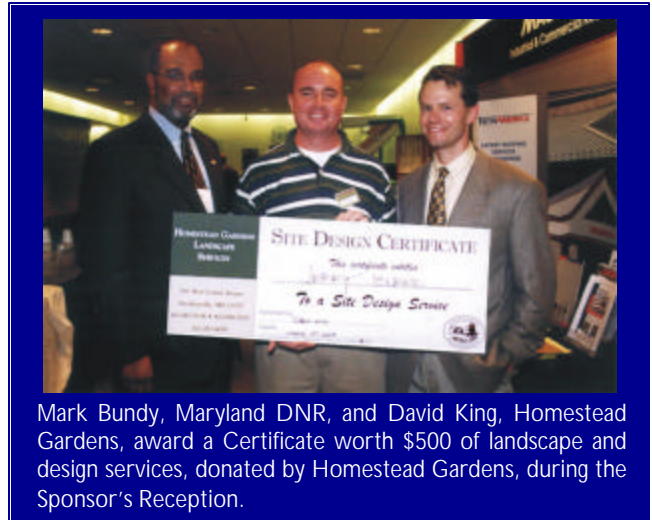
- **Broaden** the participants understanding of the concept of Green Building
- **Showcase** some of the great projects that are being done in and around Maryland
- **Educate** participants about new State government programs
- **Connect** participants with local "green" products and services
- **Accelerate** the process of Market Transformation

"Ecological design means maximizing resource and energy efficiency, taking advantage of the free services of nature, recycling wastes, making ecologically smarter things, and educating ecologically smarter people. It means incorporating intelligence about how nature works into the way we think, design, build, and live."

– David Orr, Oberlin College

Achieving Green Buildings in the Mid Atlantic

The first day of the Conference focused on the question: **Why** Build Green? Beginning with keynote address from David Orr, nationally recognized for his efforts at Oberlin College, speakers provided detailed examples of the fiscal, environmental, societal, and health benefits of green building and design. The second day asked the question: **How** Do I Build Green? Attendees selected from five separate tracks: Residential, Commercial, Site Design, Marketing, and Design Teams. The day culminated with four technical training sessions for building professionals, including an on-site tour of Montgomery Park and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation facilities.



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The Conference proceedings are available online at www.dnr.state.md.us/smartgrowth/ed/conference.html. To learn more about the services offered by the Environmental Design Program, check www.dnr.state.md.us/ed or call 410.260.8710.



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